in view of the Government of India's decision conveyed to all the State Governments/UT Administrations on 17.05.1994 that no new Special Cells are to be set up. They were also advised that they would have to meet 20% of the expenses in case they propose to set up Special Employment Exchanges. In their reply dated 15.03.2000, the State Government stated that they have a proposal to set up Special Employment Exchanges at Ranchi and Dumka at a cost of Rs. 6.56 lakhs and that they would meet their share of 20%. They further stated that a proposal would be sent after approval by the State Government. No such proposal has been received so far. The State Government has been reminded on 11.04.2000 and 19.07.2000.

Review of Status of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

*5. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Committee has been constituted comprising representatives from the Centre and the State to review the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant's status;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have been holding talks with Tatas and Ispat Group of the Mittals for privatisation of this plant; and

(d) if so, the details of the discussions held and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

Safety and security of Gas pipline passing through Pakistan

*6. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India proposed to buy Iranian Gas through pipeline passing through Pak territory;

(b) if so, the details of guarantee offered for safety and security of the gas pipeline; and

(c) by when would the supply start?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The Government of Iran has sent a preliminary proposal to supply natural gas to India through an onland pipeline route passing through Pakistan. An Indo-Iran Joint Committee on Transmission of Gas consisting of representatives of the Government of Iran and India has been constituted to examine all aspects of the pipeline proposed by the Government of Iran including political, technical, financing etc.

(b) and (c) Does not arise, as the proposal of the Government of Iran is in a preliminary stage.

Adulteration in Motor Fuel

*7. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY:
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that petrol dealers are using naptha and other solvents on a large scale to adulterate motor fuel;

(b) what stringent steps his Ministry is taking to prevent dealers from adultering motor fuel; and

(c) whether his Ministry would consider cancelling the dealership of those who are found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) Naphtha and solvents are commonly used as adulterants of petrol.

To check the adulteration in automobile fuels *viz.* Motor Spirit (MS) and High Speed Diesel (HSD) by adulterants like Naphtha, Solvent, Raffinate and Slop, the Government has promulgated on 5th June, 2000, the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobiles) Order, 2000 and the Naphtha (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobiles) Order, 2000 under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Further, the oil marketing companies carry out regular/surprise checks of